

Private Oversight Program (POP)

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Overview

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- Why We Developed the POP?
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What is the POP?

- Our new program for expeditious review of Local Oversight Program (LOP) Cases
- Case reviews equivalent to time frames for Voluntary Assistance Program (VAP)
- Funded by the Responsible Party (RP)
- The POP is open to all RPs
- POP cases will be following the corrective action process and remain under DEH/SAM's jurisdiction

Expedited Reviews

- The programs objective is to provide review of LOP cases, with the same time frames as provided in the VAP
- Our goal is for work plans to be reviewed within 15 to 21 days, and reports within 30 days of receipt
- Case closure times may vary depending on the use of the basin, and if RWQCB Concurrence is necessary

Funding/Process

- The RP submits an application indicating which case or group of cases is to be expedited
- Require a deposit fee of \$210 for each case entering the POP
- This fee will cover the first two (2) hours of staff review time
- Time in excess of the initial two hours will be invoiced quarterly
- The RP costs for this service are reimbursable through the UST Cleanup Fund

Funding/Process Continued

- We'll accept any LOP case into the program
- The POP is open to all RPs
- The program is not mandatory
- A project may enter and leave the program
- We ask that changes be made at the end of the quarter
- A single check for multiple cases is acceptable

Why Have We Developed the POP?

- State funding for the LOP has remained static or reduced
- County costs have continued to increase
- State funding will be reduced by 15%
- These shortfalls have been addressed by shifting staff and resources to other programs
- The POP would allow DEH/SAM to avoid staffing reductions or the shifting of work
- This will allow DEH/SAM to compensate for funding shortfalls, and avoid excessive case review turnaround times

LOP Caseload Prioritization

- This budget shortfall has forced us into a situation that we can oversee only high priority cases with State contract funding
- The low priority cases will need to be placed inactive temporarily until additional funding becomes available through our contract with the SWRCB

LOP Caseload Prioritization Continued

- The high and low priority cases will be based on the SWRCB's MTBE Guidance document and the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Prioritization (LUST Priority)
- The LUST Priority process will be used to address compounds other than MTBE
- We will notify the RP and their consultants of their low priority status and options available

Corrective Action Process and Jurisdiction

- POP cases will remain under the corrective action process and DEH-SAM's jurisdiction
- Self directed work plans may be implemented 60-days following submittal
- Two phases of work requiring DEH/SAM oversight are the Correction Action Plan (CAP) and case closure
- Work plans and reports are to continue to be submitted to DEH/SAM

Suggested Program Names

- Privately Funded LOP Program (PFLOP)
- Privately Billed LOP Program (PLOP)
- Directly Funded Oversight Program (DFOP)
- Privately Funded Program (PFP)
- Priority Oversight Program (POP)
- Priority Review Program (PRP)
- Direct Bill Oversight Program (DBOP)
- Paid by Owner for Local Oversight (POLO)

More Names for the Program

- Owner Paid Expedited Review of Assessment (OPERA)
- Privately Reimbursed Oversight (PRO)
- Paid by Owner for Oversight and Review (POOR)
- Paid by Owner for Review of Case (PORC) Program
- Local Oversight Owner Paid (LOOP)
- Local Oversight Under Direct Billing Program (LOUD)
- Privately Paid Review Oversight Program (PPROP)
- Direct Environmental Funded Tank Program (DEFT)
- Local Individually Funded Tank Program (LEFT)
- Local Individually Funded Environmental Program (LIFE)

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POP Web Page

- The POP web page should be up this week. It contains an over view of the program, frequently asked questions and a copy of the application
- <http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/deh/lwq/sam/index.html>